

I also call upon appropriate officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on that day as a manifestation of our loyalty to the Nation which that flag symbolizes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this twelfth day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-six, and [SEAL] of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninetieth.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3717

STATE AND MUNICIPAL BOND WEEK

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Over 70 percent of all Americans now live in urban areas. These are also the areas which will receive the greatest impact from the growth of our population in the years ahead. By 1975, we will need schools for 10 million additional children, welfare and health facilities for five million more people over the age of 60, and transportation facilities for the daily movement of more than 200 million people.

In the remainder of this century—little more than 30 years from now—we will have to build in our cities as much as all we have built since the first colonists arrived in the New World. Our urban population will double, and the amount of land falling within metropolitan areas will also double. In this short time we must virtually rebuild the entire urban United States.

One of the most effective tools for financing such growth is the State or municipal bond issue. State and municipal bonds build hospitals, schools, sanitation facilities, pumping plants for water, roads and bridges—all the many facilities needed to create a wholesome environment for our cities.

These bond issues represent local initiative and local responsibility in meeting pressing community needs. They are in the best tradition of our American system of Government and our American system of enterprise.

To create full understanding of the opportunities and benefits to community life which are provided by State and municipal bonds, the Congress by a Joint Resolution, approved April 16, 1966, has requested the President to issue a Proclamation designating the week beginning April 17, 1966 as State and Municipal Bond Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning April 17, 1966 as State and Municipal Bond Week, in recognition of the role that State and municipal bonds play in building a better community.

April 16, 1966

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-six, and [SEAL] of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninetieth.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,

Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3718

NATIONAL DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION DAY AND NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION WEEK, 1966

By the President of the United States of America

April 22, 1966

A Proclamation

America's vast system of transportation is a monument to what free men can achieve in a free and enterprising society.

The United States is the only nation which maintains a system of transport that is both privately-owned and privately-operated.

That system has met every challenge, in war as in peace. It was created by farsighted men and private capital. It flourished with the encouragement of their Government. From that partnership has emerged the mighty and far-flung transportation network that gives Americans the greatest mobility ever enjoyed by any nation.

In the past 20 years, the number of automobiles and trucks in this vast network has increased threefold, from 31 million to 90 million.

In two decades, our paved roads have grown from 1.5 million miles to twice that much today.

Twenty years ago, there were 38,000 private and commercial aircraft in our skies; today there are nearly 100,000.

Our inland waterways now carry 150 billion ton miles of freight across the nation every year, and our system of pipelines move 284 billion more.

Our railroads have also rejoined the ranks of expanding industries. Since 1961, reversing a period of long decline, railroads have been catching up with the steady and uninterrupted growth of the Nation's economy.

Today, transportation accounts for one in every five dollars in the American economy. In 1965, that amounted to \$120 billion—more than the entire Gross National Product of this Nation in 1940.

Yet, great as our transportation system has become, it must grow still faster in the years ahead.

Our population is growing.

Our economy is expanding.

Our trade with other nations continues to increase.

And all depend on fast, efficient and safe transportation. During the next two decades, we must prepare to meet a demand for transportation which will be at least twice what is required today.